Unto His Grace, Her Majesty's High Commissioner, and the Right Honourable the *Estates* of Parliament,

Scotland, Church of, General Assembly, Commission of

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Humble Representation and Petition of the Commission of the *GENERAL ASSEMBLY* of this National *CHURCH*.

SHEWETH,

THAT beside the General Address already made by Us, for Securing the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of this *CHURCH*, and now under Your Consideration; which, with all Gratitude We Acknowledge: There are some Particulars, which, in pursuance of the Design of Our said Address, We do with all Humility lay before Your Grace and Lordships.

1*st*. That the *Sacramental Test*, being the Condition of Access to Places of Trust, and to Benefites from the Crown; all of Our Communion must be debarred from the same, if not in *Scotland*, yet through the rest of the Dominion of *Britain*; which may prove of most Dangerous Consequence to this *CHURCH*.

2*d*. That this Church and Nation may be exposed to the farder Danger of New Oaths from the Parliament of *Britain*; unless it be provided, That no Oath, Bond, or Test, of any kind, shall be Required of any Minister, or Member of the *CHURCH* of *SCOTLAND*, which are Inconsistent with the known Principles of this Church.

3*d*. There being no Provision in the *Treaty of Union*, for Security of this Church, by a Coronation Oath; That therefore in the Coronation Oath to be taken by the Sovereigns of *Great-Britain*, They be engaged to maintain the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of This Church, and the Rights and Privileges thereof, as now by Law established.

4*th*. That in case the *Proposed Union* be concluded, the Church will suffer Prejudice, unless there be a Commission for Plantation of Kirks, and Valuation of Tiends, and making up the Registers of that Court which were Burnt; and a Judicatory in *Scotland*, for Redressing Grievances, and Judging Causes, which formerly were Judged by the Privy Council, such as the Growth of Popery, and other Irregularities, and with which Judicatory the Church may correspond, anent Fasts and Thanksgivings.

5*th*. Likeways We do humbly Represent, That in the second part of the Oath of Abjuration, in Favours of the Succession in the Protestant Line, there is Reference made to some Acts of the *English* Parliament, which, every one in this Nation who may be obliged to take the said Oath, may not so well know; and therefore cannot swear with Judgement: As also, there seems to Us to be some Qualifications Required in the Successor to the Crown, which are not suitable to Our Principles.

6*th*. And in the last Place, In case this *Proposed Treaty of Union* shall be concluded, this Nation will be subjected in it's Civil Interests to a *British* Parliament, wherein twenty six Prelates are to be Constituent Members and Legislators. And lest our Silence should be constructed to Import Our Consent to, or Approbation of the Civil Places and Power of Churchmen; We crave Leave in all Humility, and due Respect to Your Grace and Honourable Estates of Parliament, to Represent, That it is contrary to Our known Principles and Covenants, that any Church-man should bear Civil Offices, or have Power in the Common-Wealth.

These things We humbly Beseech Your Grace and Lordships to Consider, and Provide suitable Remedies thereto. And We shall Pray, that the Only Wise GOD may so Direct and guide Your Grace and Lordships, in these and all the Affairs that ly before You; That the Result of Your Consultations may be, the Glory of GOD, the Advantage of Religion, the Peace and Comfort of Her Majesty (whose long and prosperous Reign We heartily pray for) the Preservation of Peace and Truth in both Kingdoms, and the Welfare of this CHURCH and NATION, in Particular; the Satisfaction of All who truely Love and Fear the LORD *therein; the Peace of Your own Consciences, and Your Comfort in the Day of Your Accompts.*

Signed in Name, in Presence, and at the Appointment of the foresaid COMMISSION of the General Assembly,

By, *Sic subscribitur*, WIL. WISHART